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Please attach a description of the invention to this form, DATED AND SIGNED BY AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS NOT A NAMED INVENTOR, and include the following information:

1. Describe in detail what the components of the invention are and how the invention works.

Background

As shown schematically in Figure 1, a typical heat transfer assembly comprises:

1. A Thermal Plate (or a heat sink, spreader plate, vapor chamber etc.);
2. An interface material; and
3. A heat source.

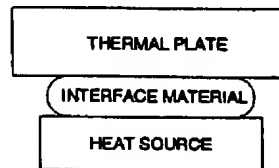


Figure 1 -Typical Heat Transfer Assembly

The interface material is used since mating surfaces of the heat source and the thermal plate are always somewhat irregular. The irregularity is a bi-product of manufacturing capabilities & cost limitations.

The invention describes a high efficiency thermal interface material to transmit heat from a heat source to a thermal plate. The interface material is primarily thermally conductive malleable fibers immersed in a suitable medium such as thermal grease or gel. The metallic fibers can be configured in multiple patterns. Three examples - stacked, random, or woven are shown below. These patterns are shown in Figure 2 as top views with respective section views through each.

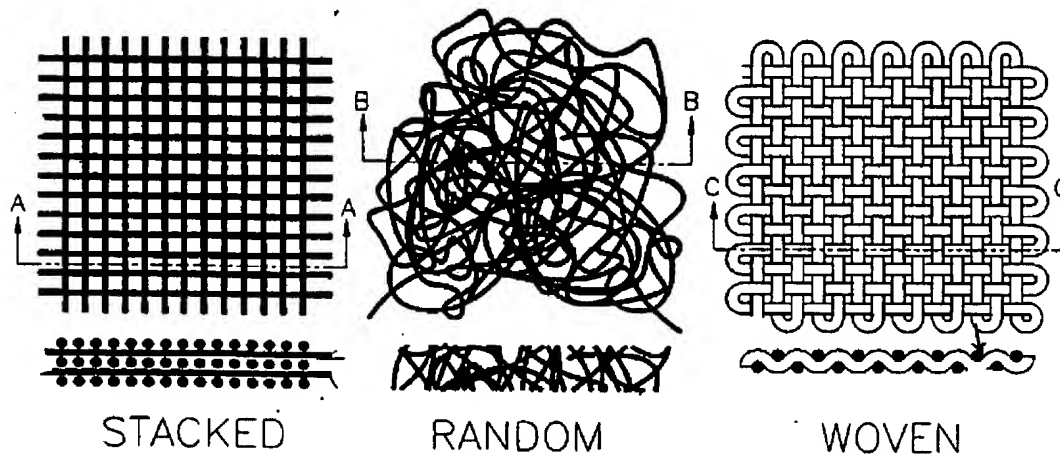


Figure 2 - Examples of the Invention

This interface material is sandwiched between the heat source and the thermal plate, similar to conventional interface materials. The material conformable to all irregularities on the heat source and thermal plate surfaces and is especially adept to high tolerated stack up assemblies. Once the assembly is secured, the conductive fibers deform and conform to the mating surfaces and contact each other making continuous "paths" of metal for efficient heat transfer. The grease or gel, rather than acting as the primary medium for heat transfer, acts as a supplementary vehicle aiding the conductive fibers by

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eliminating the voids. The power of this concept lies in the conductive fiber material and pattern selection against the needs of the respective application.

2. Describe advantage(s) of your invention over what is done now.

Prior art interface materials embed metallic particles in a grease, or gel to improve its heat transfer properties. The thermal transfer rate of the grease is only a fraction of the thermal transfer rate of the embedded metallic particles. The thermal transfer rate of the combination is therefore limited by the spaces between the metallic particles. When the interface material is compressed between the thermal plate, and the heat source, spaces still exist. This situation is shown in Figure 3.

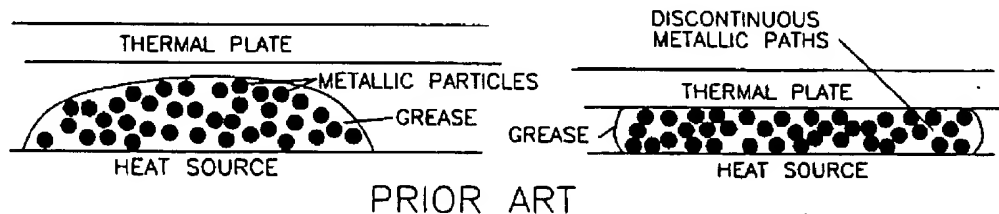


Figure 3 - Prior Art Interface Materials

The advantages of the invention are shown in Figure 4. When the thermal plate compresses the material the metallic fibers contact one another, form continuous paths of metal, and enable efficient heat transfer.

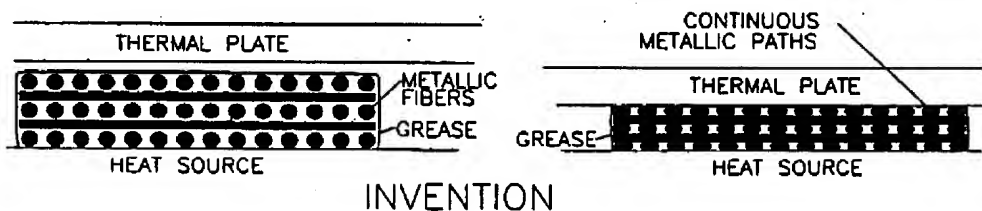


Figure 4 - Advantages of the Invention

This conformed interface material thermally behaves in unison similar to a one piece material w/ high thermal properties, with out exhibiting the technical issues (thermal stress, CTE, etc) associated w/ such a material.

3. YOU MUST include at least one figure illustrating the invention.
If the invention relates to software, include a flowchart
or pseudo-code representation of the algorithm.

Please see Figures 2 and 4.

4. Value of your invention to Intel (how will it be used?).

The invention provides a more effective, and more reliable, method of removing heat from integrated circuits.

5. Explain how your invention is novel. If the technology itself is not new, explain what makes it different.

The prior art has attempted to solve the problem of irregular mating surfaces between heat sources and thermal plates by creating thermal greases and gels. The prior art has

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attempted to increase the thermal transfer properties of greases and gels by adding high thermally conductive particles.

By contrast, this invention uses soft high thermally conductive fibers which when compressed form continuous metal paths for high efficiency heat transfer.

6. **Identify the closest or most pertinent prior art that you are aware of.**
The prior art discloses numerous greases, gels, and epoxies.
7. **Who is likely to want to use this invention or infringe the patent if one is obtained and how would infringement be detected?**
Any component or systems manufacture who needs to remove heat from an electrical component. Infringement can be detected through visual inspection of interface materials used by any potential infringer.

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